

Claims

1. Arrangement for handling banknotes and/or other documents, said arrangement comprising a magazine (13) containing a plurality of magazine pockets (18), each one of said pockets being arranged to receive only one
5 banknote or other document therein and having, at one end thereof, a combined infeed and outfeed opening (26) through which a banknote or other document can be fed in into or fed out from the pocket (18), and each one of said pockets being provided with means (27) for re-
10 leasably holding a banknote or other document fed in into the pocket (18) within the same, said arrangement also comprising controllable driving means (16, 17) for the magazine (13), by means of which a selectable magazine pocket (18) can be placed with its said opening
15 (26) in front of at least one infeed and/or outfeed station (14, 15) located adjacent to the magazine (13), and feeding means (33) for controllably feeding in a banknote or other document into or controllably feeding out a banknote or other document from a pocket (18) placed in front of said station (14, 15), characterized in
20 that said feeding means consist of feeding means (33) provided at said station (14, 15).

2. Arrangement according to claim 1, characterized in that said feeding means comprise at least one pair
25 of controllably rotatable cylinders or rollers (33) provided at said station (14, 15) and arranged to bear against mutually opposite sides of a banknote or other document inserted therebetween.

3. Arrangement according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that said holding means of each magazine pocket
30 (18) comprise at least one pair of resiliently flexible clamping means (27) having clamping portions (27') located at or near said opening (26) and movable relatively

to each other between, on the one hand clamping positions, in which they are arranged to bear resiliently against mutually opposite sides of a banknote or other document fed in into the pocket (18), and, on the other
5 hand release positions, in which they permit an unobstructed infeed of a banknote or other document into or an unobstructed outfeed of a banknote or other document from the pocket (18) by means of said feeding means (33).

10 4. Arrangement according to claim 3, characterized in that it comprises cam means (32) provided at said station (14, 15) and that the clamping portions (27') of a magazine pocket (18) placed in front of the station (14, 15) are capable of being brought to engage said
15 cam means and move from their clamping positions to their release positions through a limited relative displacement of said pocket (18) and said cam means (32) in a direction towards each other.

5. Arrangement according to claim 4, characterized
20 in that said cam means (32) are mounted in stationary positions, whereas each magazine pocket (18) is movably mounted in the magazine (13) for controllable limited movement thereof between, on the one hand a retracted inner end position, and on the other hand an outer end
25 position, in which it protrudes from the rest of the magazine (13) and to which it can move temporarily when it is placed in front of said station (14, 15).

6. Arrangement according to claim 4, characterized in that said cam means (32) are mounted for limited
30 movement thereof in direction towards the magazine (13), whereas the magazine pockets (18) are stationary mounted in the magazine (13).

7. Arrangement according to claim 5 or 6, characterized in that the magazine consists of a rotatable magazine drum (13) containing a plurality of sector-like
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magazine pockets (18).

8. Arrangement according to any of claims 4 - 7, characterized in that it comprises a sensor (34) which, when a banknote or other document is fed in into a magazine pocket (18) placed in front of an infeed station (14) and having its clamping portions (27') located in their release positions due to an engagement with said cam means (32), is arranged to sense when the rear end of said banknote or other document reaches a predetermined position and then trigger a relative movement of said pocket (18) and said cam means (32) in direction away from each other and simultaneously adapt the speed at which the feeding means (33) tend to feed said banknote or other document to the speed of said relative movement of said pocket (18) and said cam means (32) in direction away from each other.